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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the Official Action mailed February 22, 1999,  
please undertake the following changes:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claim 3 as follows

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3. (Five Times Amended) An adsorbent structure comprising:  
a honeycomb structure having a periphery and two ends,  
including a plurality of passages that are defined by partition  
walls and extend in an axial direction between the ends; and  
a composition including (a) high-silica zeolite having a  
Si/Al atomic ratio of not less than 40 and an alkali metal content  
of 0.1% by weight or less and (b) a heat-resistant oxide other than